

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 3 of the specification as follows:

FIG. 7 is a flow chart showing operation of the receiver of FIG. 3 in accordance with the preferred embodiment of the present invention. The logic flow begins at step 701 where receiver 306 receives a frame. At step 703, logic unit 309 stores the current frame in a buffer (not shown), and at step 705, logic unit determines if a frame was received out of order. If, at step 705, logic unit 309 determines that a frame has been received out of order, then the logic flow continues to step 707, where a NAK is sent for the missing frame, otherwise the logic flow continues to step 709. At step 709, logic unit 309 determines if the received frame was an idle frame, and if so, the logic flow continues to step 711 where an idle-frame ACK is transmitted. As discussed above, the idle-frame acknowledgment indicates to the transmitter that an idle frame has been received, causing the transmitter to cease transmitting idle frames. If at step 709, logic unit 309 determines that an idle frame has not been received, the logic flow returns to step 307 701.